

Aloha Commissioners,

The 2008 Energy Agreement, co-signed by Hawaiian Electric Company ("HECO") and the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Hawai'i Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate") promised a bold new approach that would transform the amount of indigenous renewable energy deployed on the grid.

On December 1, 2008 Hawaiian Electric Company ("HECO") filed the Advanced Meter Infrastructure ("AMI") application with the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") (Docket 2008-0303).

The HECO Application noted: "Drivers for AMI implementation in Hawaii include significant developments in the evolution and availability of AMI-related technologies" (p.6) "The AMI communications and smart metering infrastructure provides a foundation for the implementation of Smart Grid technology" (p.7) "Advanced Metering Infrastructure is a critical component of a number of important aspects of the Clean Energy Initiative." (p.8) "It is important for the HECO Companies to proceed now with the AMI Project" (p.28)

On January 20, 2010 Life of the Land filed a timely Motion to Intervene. HECO filed a Motion in Opposition on January 27, 2010, arguing in part that "LOL has not demonstrated ... that ... [it] will not ...delay the proceeding" (p.2-3)

On February 13, 2009, the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") granted intervention to Life of the Land ("LOL"), Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance ("HREA") and the Hawaii Solar Energy Association ("HSEA").

On June 5, 2009 HECO responded to Information Requests: "The preferred installation time for all three Companies is 2 years." (HECO Response to CA-IR-2, p.15) "Pilot testing used to be common. But it is costly and incurs delay,

and the maturity of available AMI systems obviates the need for pilot testing unless the utility is pressing the state of the art.” (HECO Response to CA-IR-19 p.15) (emphasis added)

On August 28, 2009 HECO requested that the Evidentiary Hearing be delayed from the week of September 21, 2009, to the week of June 21, 2010.

On April 9, 2010 HECO opened a Smart Grid docket for a portion of O`ahu (2010-0062). According to HECO, this is an unrelated docket.

On May 4, 2010 HECO proposed a second delay in the AMI docket: “Hawaiian Electric and Sensus have agreed that an extended pilot testing phase is necessary before committing to a full AMI system deployment” (p.5) The pilot project would last 18 months (p.7; p.14).

We eagerly anticipate actually seeing large-scale penetration of low-climate-impact indigenous renewable energy resources. We pray that the extended delay in this docket is not used as an excuse to delay the high penetration of renewable energy resources onto the grids.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy by hand delivery of the foregoing Response to HECO's Request by Life of the Land, in PUC Docket Number 2008-0303, upon the following parties. I have hand delivered the original and 8 copies to the PUC, and sent electronic copies to the emails below representing the parties listed below.

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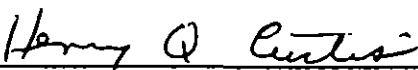
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